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SUBJECT: WEEKLY ECONOMIC SITUATION REPORT JUNE 20-26, 1974

1. ALTHOUGH PRICES OF BEEF AND PORK DECLINED, INCREASES  
IN FISH AND OTHER ITEMS MOVED THE USAID COST OF LIVING INDEX UP  
SLIGHTLY. ON JUNE 24 IT WAS 31.9 PERCENT HIGHER THAN END 1973.

2. TOTAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE SALES WERE \$829,000, LIGHTEST IN  
PAST NINE WEEKS.

3. MEAT WAS IN SHORT SUPPLY IN THE MARKET ON JUNE 20 AS THE  
NEW ABATTOIR (NEW ZEALAND PROJECT) BEGAN OPERATION, REPLACING  
THE 55 LICENSED BUYERS/WHOLESALEERS WHO FORMERLY DOMINATED THE  
MARKETING IN VIENTIANE. THESE BUYERS/WHOLESALEERS PROTESTED THE  
ABROGATION OF THEIR UNEXPIRED LICENSES TO THE PREFECTURE AND  
WERE DIRECTED TO MEET WITH SOTH PHETRASY. THE COTCOME IS  
UNCLEAR BUT IT APPEARS THE ONLY CONCESSION WAS THAT SOME COULD  
BECOME MEAT VENDORS IN THE MARKET AND SOME WOULD BE HIRED BY THE  
NEW SOCIETE D'ECONOMIC MIXTE DES ABATTOIRS MODERNES (SAMAM),  
WHICH RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATION OF ABATTOIR. THE GOVERN-  
MENT DECREED A 50 KIP PER KILO DECREASE IN THE RETAIL PRICE OF  
MEAT AND HAS ESTABLISHED A PRICE ENFORCEMENT POST WITHIN THE  
MARKET. THE SHORTAGE OF MEAT ON THE 20TH WAS DUE TO THE INSTI-  
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TUTION OF A NEW SYSTEM; HOWEVER, ON THE 26TH THERE WAS NO PORK

AVAILABLE DUE TO INCREASED THAI PRICES (NOT YET REFLECTED ON  
INDEX) WHICH ABOVE THE LEVEL SAMAM IS AUTHORIZED TO PAY.  
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